



Whitmore Lake Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020 – High School Theater – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schwennesen (*President*), John Meadows (*Vice President*), Michelle Kritzman (*Treasurer*), Lisa McCully (*Secretary*), Lee Cole (*Trustee*), Ken Dignan (*Trustee*), and Bob Henry (*Trustee*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Superintendent, Tom DeKeyser, Director of Finance & Operations, Denise Kerrigan, MS/HS Principal, Jill Henry, Elementary Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach, Heidi Roy-Borland, and Athletic Director, Brad McCormack

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff, parents and members of the community

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. by President Laura Schwennesen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mr. Henry; supported by Mr. Dignan.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Straus from Manner Costerisan CPA's briefed the Board on the 2019-2020 audit report. He walked the Board through the report and shared there were no significant findings. Mr. Straus noted that the \$175 per pupil state aid reduction in August, and the decrease in revenue, due to the effects of COVID-19 the general fund balance had decreased to 6.1%.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Representative, Samantha Ogden was unable to attend.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the September 14, 2020 closed session was made by Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

Motion to approve fund transfer of \$378,433 in payments from Accounts Payable; further, to approve the transfer of \$380,892 from Accounts Payable to cover the payrolls of September 15, 2020 and September 30, 2020 made Mr. Dignan; supported by Mr. Cole

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Dignan shared the Executive Committee met last week. Topics of discussion included virtual classes, virtual academy, and the added costs regarding COVID-19.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Motion to approve the hire of Julia Licata as a full time Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2020-2021 school year for the Early Childhood Center, Kindergarten, and Spiritus Sanctus Academy at Step 3 on the WLEA MA salary scale with a hire date of October 6, 2020 and a start date of October 22, 2020 was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Cole.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

Secondary Academic Achievement

MS/HS Principal and Director of Instruction, Jill Henry informed the Board there are no SAT scores to report due to the cancellation of testing in the spring because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Mrs. Henry then provided an overview of the 2019-2020 academic performance results in the Advanced Placement curriculum and answered all Board member's questions.

District Policies

Motion to approve Miller Johnson School Policy Services as the District's policy and administrative regulation provider replacing NEOLA was made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows

Mr. DeKeyser shared Miller Johnson School Policy Services, was formally Lusk Albertson, PLC, who recently changed their name.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, motion carried

Financial Report

Mrs. Kerrigan updated the Board with information regarding the September 30, 2020 financial report. She also shared no state aid is received in the month of September.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

Superintendent DeKeyser shared the educational goals regarding the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan that was presented to the Board during the September 14, 2020 Board of Education meeting. He then informed the Board, the ECOL plan will be shared every month for public comments from parents and/or guardians.

Building Trades School Update

Mr. DeKeyser shared the preliminary contract from the Building Trades School which will begin fall 2021 with Board members. He also shared it will be a five year charter contract, it also includes a five year lease, academic goals, and financial obligations. Mr. DeKeyser inquired if there were any questions. There were no objections from Board members to move forward with BTS.

Mr. DeKeyser answered all Board member's questions regarding Livingston Classical Academy.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Board acknowledged all other items of information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater, unless an Executive Order still requires to be held virtually.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Cole announced the Township Parks and Recreation Board is having workdays on Mondays.

Mr. Dignan suggested forwarding a copy of the Appreciation Letter to WLHS Athletic Trainer, Sarah Floyd's supervisor at MedSport.

Mrs. Kritzman thanked Mr. DeKeyser for quickly notifying parents and keeping them informed when COVID outbreaks occur.

Mrs. McCully announced the Huron (Whitmore Lake) Hockey team has begun practice. She also shared they are having a can/bottle fundraiser drive, and if anyone would like to donate to contact her.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m. made by Mrs. Schwennesen; supported by Mr. Meadows
Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, motion carried 7 - 0.*



*Lisa C. McCully, Secretary, Board of Education
Whitmore Lake Public Schools*

11/9/2020
Date